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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE

1. LOS MINISTER EVENSEN ASKED ME TO SEE HIM ON MAY 23 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COORDINATION BETWEEN NORWAY, CANADA, MEXICO, AND THE U.S. ON ESTABLISHMENT OF 200- MILE ECONOMIC ZONES. EVENSEN SAID POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATION HAD BEEN SUGGESTED DURING GENEVA LOS MEETING BY AMBASSADOR STEVENSON SINCE THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT COUNTRIES CONCERNED MIGHT ACT UNILATERALLY. EVENSEN WILL ARRIVE IN MIAMI ON AUGUST 8TH AND SUGGESTED HE COME TO WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 11 AND 12 FOR CONSULTATION BEFORE GOING TO OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY. HE HAD ALREADY MET WITH MEXICAN AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS AND WILL DISCUSS ISSUE WITH DAVID ENNALS U.K. WHEN HE MEETS HIM IN LONDON ON JUNE 9 AND 10.

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2. EVENSEN BELEIVES THAT U.S. AND OTHER MAY BE

FORCED TO MOVE TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF A 200- MILE ZONE LONG BEFORE AND LOS CONVENTION CAN BE CONCLUDED AND RATIFIED. SINCE THERE ARE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES TO ERECTING SIMILAR 200- MILE ECONOMIC ZONE REGIMES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, HE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COORDINATE COUNTRY PROPOSALS AND LEGISLATION. IT WOULD ALSO REDUCE APPEARANCE OF UNILATERAL ACTION. ON TIMING, HE SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ATTEMPT TO DELAY NORWEGIAN ACTION UNTIL AFTER NEXT SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE, BUT COULD NOT DO SO IF THE OTHER COUNTRIES ACTED UNILATERALLY IN THE INTERIM.

3. EVENSEN WILL VISIT MOSCOW DURING WEEK BEGINNING MAY 26. HE ALSO EXPECTS TO DISCUSS LOS MATTERS WITH ICELANDIC FISHERIES MINISTER DURING VISIT OF ICELAND'S PRIME MINISTER TO OSLO BEGINNING JUNE 4 BEFORE GOING TO LONDON JUNE 9 AND 10. HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, EXPECT TO COORDINATE ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC ZONES WITH ICELAND SINCE HE BELIEVES THAT ICELAND WILL GO AHEAD UNILATERALLY ANYWAY AND SINCE HE CONSIDERS THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE BY ICELAND WOULD NOT REPRESENT ESTABLISH SAME PRECEDENT AS ESTABLISHMENT BY ONE OF THE OTHER STATES WITH WHICH HE PLANS CONSULTATIONS.

4. IN MOSCOW EVENSEN WILL DISCUSS GENERAL QUESTION OF ECONOMIC ZONES AND THE FUTURE OF THE LOS CONFERENCE AND WILL TRY TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT ON AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON NORWAY'S TRAWL FREE ZONES. WHEN HE RAISED QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A 200- MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WITH SOVIETS IN GENEVA, THEY ASKED HIM TO BRING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO MOSCOW. EVENSEN ANTICIPATES THAT TALKS WITH SOVIETS WILL BE DIFFICULT AND ADMITS THAT QUESTION OF NORWEGIAN-SOVIET OFF-SHORE BOUNDARY WILL BE A COMPLICATED FACTOR.

5. EVENSEN ALSO ANTICIPATES THAT EEC WILL BE DIFFICULT, BUT OBVIOUSLY HOPES TO OBTAIN PRIOR UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U.K. WHICH WILL BLUNT EEC OBJECTIONS.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER IT IS AGREEABLE TO CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH EVENSEN ON AUGUST 11 AND 12. IF AUGUST 11 AND 12 ARE NOT CONVENIENT, PLEASE GIVE ALTERNATIVE DATES, PREFERABLY LATER IN AUGUST. EVENSEN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN EARLY JULY AND AUGUST 8.
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